IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No. TILL.0006

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is preliminary to examination in the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 8, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on March 8, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.